

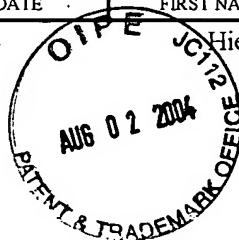


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*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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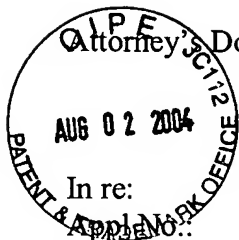
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In re: Riedel et al
App. No.: 10/796,850
Filed: March 8, 2004
For: SELF-FOAMING OR FOAMY PREPARATIONS CONTAINING INORGANIC GEL FORMERS, ORGANIC HYDROCOLLOIDS AND PARTICULATE HYDROPHOBIC, HYDROPHOBICIZED OR OIL-ABSORBING SOLID-BODY SUBSTANCES

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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated June 2, 2004, enclosed are the following:

- ☒ Part 2 of Formalities Letter or Form PTO-1533
(Notice to File Missing Parts of Application)
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application, which has been executed by the named inventor(s)
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
- ☒ PTO Form 2038 authorizing the amount of 130.00 to cover the surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)
- ☐ English Translation and \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)) fee for filing late.
- ☐ Other:
- ☒ Any deficiency, additional fee, or credit may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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